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Given the multiple responses that have been taking place during the past several months, I wanted to provide you a status update on EPA's National Incident Management Assistance Team (N-IMAT). As you know, a full, 11 KLP N-IMAT Backup Regional (BUR) grouping of Regions 3, 4 and 5 personnel deployed to the Region 6 REOC and the Corpus Christi Unified Command Post in support of the early Hurricane Harvey response actions. In addition, a partial, 5 KLP N-IMAT BUR grouping of Regions 1 & 2 personnel deployed to the Region 2 REOC to help ramp up operations prior to Hurricane Irma's eventual landfall. Another N-IMAT partial BUR grouping of mainly Regions 6 & 7 personnel will now be deploying to Region 9 for the Northern California wildfires response for a two-week deployment (Nov 5-18).

The N-IMAT has been occupied during this very busy over the past couple of months with multiple major responses. As you know, your regional personnel that serve in the N-IMAT have all also been and continue to be occupied deploying to support these events in their capacity as Regional Incident Management Team (IMT), backup regional support or simply as part of the national cadre of trained and experienced ICS Key Leadership Position personnel. To this end and through this note, I wanted to alert you of our on-going efforts to continue evaluating options for supporting another N-IMAT

deployment should we face another emergency while we are currently activated for the Northern California Wildfires and have numerous other team members actively engaged or scheduled to deploy in support of Region 2 and 9. We will continue to keep you updated on the status of the N-IMAT.

We are happy that the National IMAT has been able to provide support to the Regions as they respond to these nationally-significant incidents. Please continue to reach out to me or my staff if you have questions or concerns regarding a potential, future N-IMAT deployment.

Thanks